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Amador County is a scenic area located at the eastern edge of the Central Valley. Although known for its beginnings in the Gold Rush era, Amador County is emerging as a premium wine growing region. It is bordered on the north by El Dorado County and on the south by Calaveras.

Amador County's population is expected to reach 40,100 by 2020. This is an increase of 15 percent over the current population.

The 1999 annual average civilian labor force for Amador County was 13,600 with an unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. For this period, the state had an annual average unemployment rate of 5.2 percent.

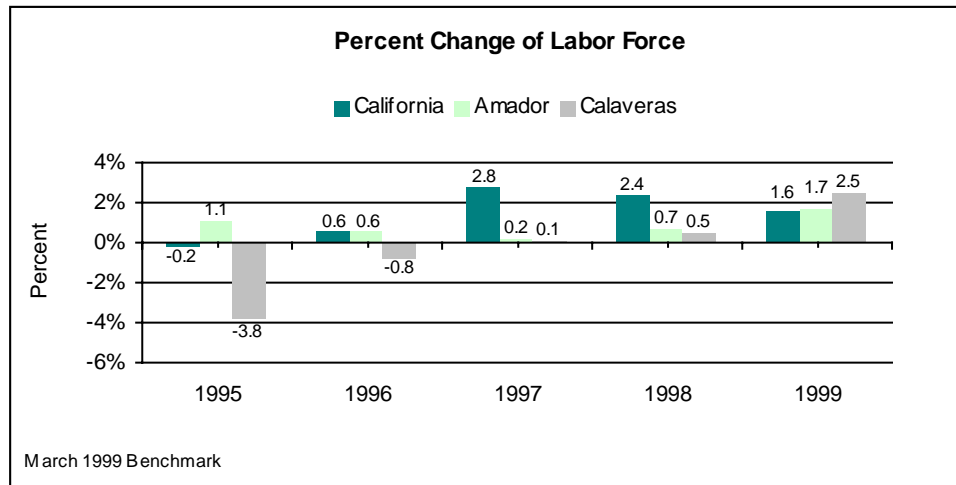
In 1999, the government sector accounted for 34 percent of the employment in Amador County. Most of the year over growth in 1999 occurred in the service producing industries. Employment declined slightly in the goods producing industries from 1998 to 1999 but the construction sector has posted a gain of over 20 percent. By 1999, establishments primarily engaged in the production of grapes more than doubled in Amador County.

The services sector will be an important economic factor for Amador County with a projected growth rate of 50 percent. Retail trade is expected to increase more than 30 percent adding about 700 jobs and the government sector is projected to grow 12.7 percent adding 400 jobs.

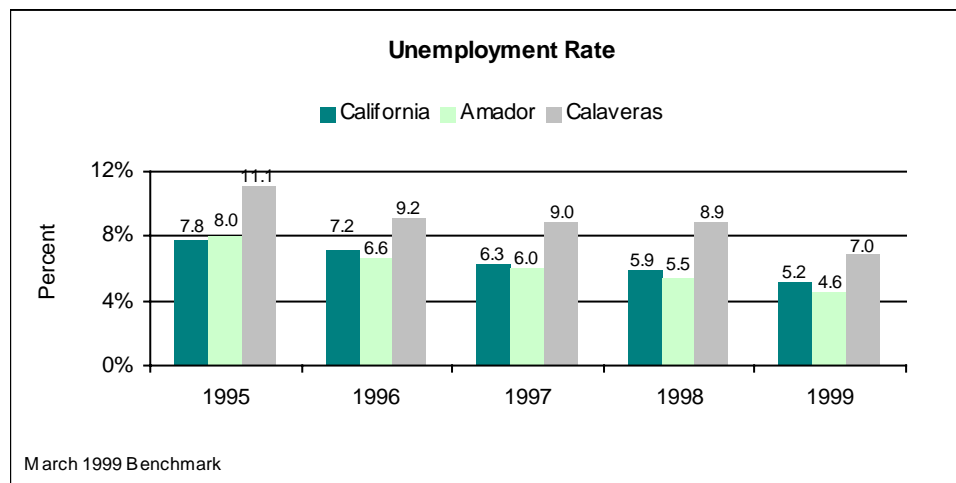
Steadily improving labor market conditions are evident in Amador County as it continues to record job growth and lower unemployment rates.

LABOR FORCE

Since 1995, Amador has sustained growth in the civilian labor force each year with the greatest increase of 1.7 percent occurring in 1999. Cumulative growth for this period in Amador County is 3.2 percent. Neighboring Calaveras County also had the greatest year over increase of labor force in 1999 with 2.5 percent.

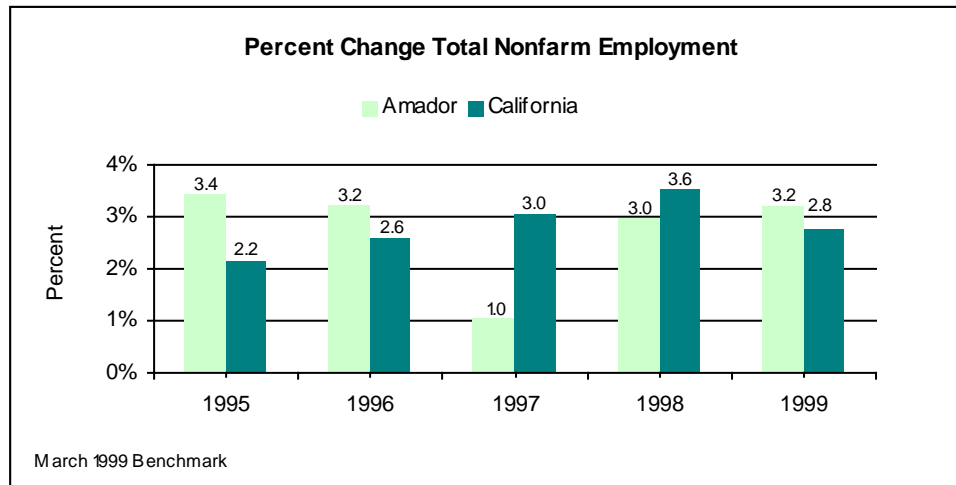


Since 1995, annual average unemployment rates have declined for Amador and neighboring Calaveras County as well as for the state. For Amador County, the annual average unemployment rate dropped 3.4 percentage points from a high of 8.0 percent in 1995 to 4.6 percent in 1999. The unemployment rate in Calaveras County dropped 4.1 percentage points over this period.

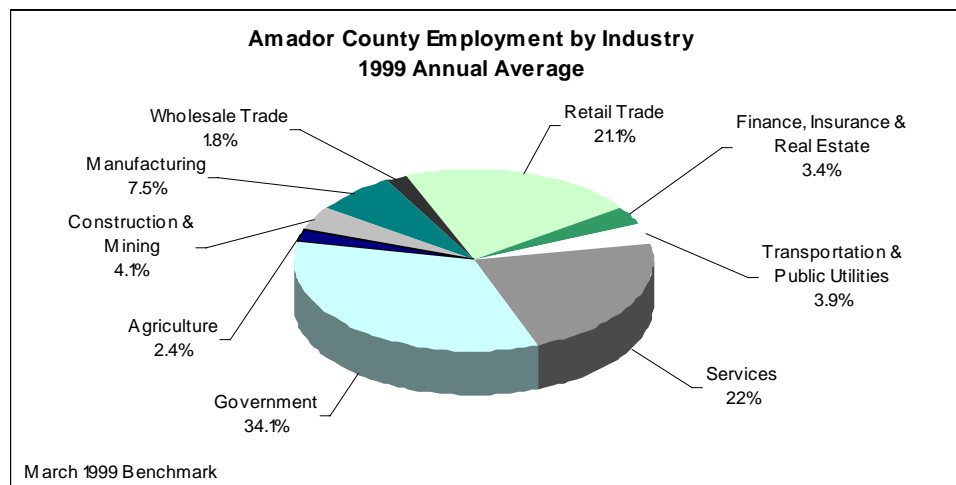


INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

Job growth creates opportunity and is considered to be one measure of economic health. Since 1995, Amador County's nonfarm wage and salary employment has averaged 2.8 percent job growth each year fueled in part by steady employment gains in the service producing industry division. In 1999, Amador County's nonfarm employment grew by 3.2 percent.



In 1999, Amador County's industry employment was dominated by the government, services, and retail trade industry sectors. The government sector accounted for more than a third of the employment in the county with services accounting for 22 percent and retail trade accounting for 21 percent. During the 1997 – 2004 forecast period, it is expected that these industries will continue to provide jobs in Amador County.



OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Demographic trends, shifts in demands for products or services, technological innovations and the way business is conducted are some of the variables that drive employment in an occupation up or down. Also, occupations which have large employment and have high turnover rates generally provide the most job openings. Amador County is projected to have more employment opportunities in these high turnover occupations. Occupational projections for Amador County are combined with Calaveras, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties and are published as the Mother Lode Consortium projections.

Associated Occupations	SERVICES 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 49.5%
	Instructors And Coaches, Sports And Physical Training – 150 job openings. Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. Moderate-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.78
	Maids And Housekeeping Cleaners – 140 job openings. Perform any combination of tasks to maintain rooms in commercial establishments, such as hotels, restaurants and hospitals, in a clean and orderly fashion. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.00
	Registered Nurses – 120 job openings. Provide direct bedside care and assist physicians with examinations, chart the conditions of patients, give medication, and administer treatment as ordered by the doctor. May supervise auxiliary nursing personnel. Associate Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$19.52
	Amusement, Recreation Attendants – 110 job openings. Perform any of a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.43
	Waiters And Waitresses – 90 job openings. Serve food and drink to customers. Duties may include explanation about how the meal is prepared, wine recommendations or simple food preparation at the table. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.60
Associated Occupations	RETAIL TRADE 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 31.5%
	Cashiers – 290 job openings. Handle cash and credit payments, make change, give receipts, account for all payments, and perform related clerical duties. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.93
	Salespersons, Retail – 230 job openings. Get the customer interested by describing the merchandise and showing how it is used. May also order merchandise, stock shelves, mark price tags, take inventory and prepare displays. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$6.92
	First-Line Supervisor / Manager Sales – 60 job openings. Directly supervise and coordinate activities of marketing, sales, and related workers. May perform management functions, such as budgeting, accounting, marketing, and personnel work. Work Experience. Median Hourly Wage - \$10.81
	Food Preparation Workers – 60 job openings. Perform a variety of food preparation duties, such as preparing cold foods and maintaining and cleaning kitchen work areas, equipment, and utensils. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.92
	Combined Food Preparation And Service Workers – 60 job openings. Do both food preparation and food service. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$5.80
Associated Occupations	GOVERNMENT 1997 – 2004 Projected Growth 12.7%
	Correction Officers, Jailers – 200 job openings. Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$20.99
	Police Patrol Officers – 50 job openings. Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, protect life and property in an assigned patrol district or beat. Patrol on foot or in a vehicle; investigate accidents; apprehend, arrest and process prisoners; and give evidence in court. Long-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$25.11
	Recreation Workers – 20 job openings. Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Bachelor's Degree. Median Hourly Wage - \$7.90
	General Office Clerks – 20 job openings. Performs a wide variety of tasks. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of the individual establishments and may include a combination of bookkeeping, typing, stenography, office machine operation, and filing. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$9.03
	Postal Mail Carriers – 20 job openings. Sort mail for delivery. Deliver mail on established route by vehicle or on foot. Short-term on-the-job training. Median Hourly Wage - \$15.57

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